

In the Verdun sector they have succeeded in regaining a foothold in the Thiaumont work.

GORITIA BRIDGEHEAD CAPTURED BY ITALIANS

ROME, August 8 (via London).—The War Office to-day announced the capture of the Gorizia bridgehead by the Italians. It is said the city is being shelled to drive out the Austrians. More than 5,000 prisoners were taken on August 6.

LOSS IS ADMITTED BY AUSTRIAN WAR OFFICE

VIENNA, August 8 (via London).—The loss of the Gorizia bridgehead to the Italian forces is admitted in the Austrian official statement issued to-day. A withdrawal to the Eastern front, the statement says, was necessary to avoid severe losses to the defenders of the bridgehead because of desperate attacks made by the Italians.

RUSSIANS TAKE TERRITORY AGGREGATING 100 SQUARE MILES

PETROGRAD, August 8 (via London).—The Russians in their advance against the Austro-German forces in East Galicia have taken territory aggregating nearly 100 square miles according to the Russian official communication issued to-day. In pursuit of the Tenth Army, the Russians have taken additional villages in the Dolnolipia region.

GERMANS CLAIM RESULTS GENERALLY IN THEIR FAVOR

BERLIN, August 8.—The British and French are continuing to make severe attacks along the Somme front. The War office announcement of today says these engagements have resulted generally in favor of the Germans. Near Verdun and east of Ham the fighting continues.

GENERAL LETCHITSKY SCORES NEW VICTORY

PETROGRAD, August 8 (via London).—General Letchitsky, who a week ago, in spite of flood rivers and heavy roads, began anew his hammering of the right flank of General Count von Bothmer's army and by a cavalry attack took Pleskany, has scored a new victory by the capture of Zhukov, ten miles further to the northwest. There has been little news from that section, but it is apparent that General Letchitsky has been following up his success along a front of ten miles south of the Diester in the face of German reinforcements sent to stiffen von Bothmer's right wing.

The taking of Zhukov cuts the railway between Stanislaw, Tarnobrzeg and Buczacz, which has been utilized by the Austrians for supplying the southern end of von Bothmer's front and gives the Russians another important avenue of attack on Stanislaw.

The Austrians tried to effect the force of Letchitsky's assault by three counterattacks along the Koprzyca River northward, but without avail. They were repulsed with heavy losses. At the same time a Russian offensive is being pushed against von Bothmer's left flank, south of Brody. A group of villages, centering about Zolozov, on the head waters of the Sereth, have been captured and each day's developments show a further advance westward. The evident intention being to tap the railway between Tarnopol and Lemberg, which offers an easier line of advance, with few rivers and natural barriers, to the Galician capital.

PETERSBURG ALDERMEN HAVE BUSY SESSION

Many Matters Sent Up by Lower Board for Concurrence Are Passed On.

STEALING AUTOMOBILE FOUND

Report of Stealer of Weights and Measures Makes Suggestions as to Conduct of Office—Hall Club to Have Tag Day.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, Va., August 8.—The Board of Aldermen met in regular session last night, heard reports from city officers and transacted a large amount of routine business sent up for concurrence from the lower branch. The City Treasurer reported a balance in hand of \$356,109, and the City Auditor reported expenditures during July amounting to \$43,852, including interest on bonds. All bills and claims from the various departments were ordered to be paid. Concurrence was voted in the action of the Council authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance repealing the ordinance regulating Police Court hours, which had been found to be unconstitutional.

The matter of State fines, amounting to \$274, was referred to the City Auditor for examination, and if found correct, to be paid over to the State Auditor.

Alderman Guthrie offered a resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee, providing for the employment of an expert accountant to audit the sinking fund account for the last ten years, and appropriating \$10,000 to be expended for that purpose. This was in response to a statement by the retiring chairman of the Finance Committee that the sinking fund account had not been audited in many years, and that it is important that this should be done.

Recommendations Are Made.

A. J. Johnson, scaler of weights and measures, has filed his report covering the period from April 17 to June 20 of this year. The report shows that during that period 43 pairs of scales and 1,536 weights were tested and sixty-seven measures sealed. Mr. Johnson makes a number of interesting suggestions as to the conduct of the office, which is operated under the State law instead of under city ordinance. Under the State law he can test weights and measures but once in six months and then is required to publish a notice in advance of starting out on his rounds. This gives full opportunity to crooked dealers to get rid of false weights and measures. It is probable that when a new Council takes office in September, the ordinance on the subject will be passed.

Stolen Car Found.

The automobile belonging to Dr. Lewis D. Pichey, which was stolen from in front of his residence on Saturday night, was found yesterday on the Turnpike Road, in Chesterfield County, where it had been abandoned. It is thought that the parties who took the car rode to Richmond, and were on their way back when the

gasoline gave out, forcing its abandonment.

News Notes of Interest.

In the absence of important witnesses from Hampton, the case of W. E. Matthews, alias A. Martin, charged with attempting to pass a bad check, to-day was continued in the Police Court until August 15.

Adjutant Cuthbert, of the Salvation Army, has returned from his vacation trip to Canada, where he went to visit his brother, whom he had not seen in eighteen years. He found that his brother had gone to the front, had been wounded and was in a hospital in England.

By vote of both branches of the City Council the Health Department is authorized to go ahead in the work of cleaning up the city, expending as much of the \$750 to its credit as may be necessary.

In Petersburg hereafter all automobiles will be required to be equipped with dinner or dash-board lights, and that use of the bright or blinding lights is prohibited.

Saturday next will be observed as a day of the benefit of the Petersburg baseball club.

PRISONER IS ELECTED

Professor MacNeill, Serving Life Sentence, Is Made Head of Gaelic League.

LONDON, August 8.—Professor John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein Volunteers, who is serving a life sentence for his participation in the recent uprising in Dublin, to-day was elected president of the Gaelic League, says an Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from London. He succeeds Dr. Douglas Hyde, who has been president of the league since its formation in 1893.

RENEWS HIS ATTACKS

Hughes Also Tells What He Will Do If Voters Elect Him President.

CHICAGO, August 8.—Charles E. Hughes to-night told an audience that crowded Chicago's great Coliseum what he would do if elected President of the United States.

Mr. Hughes charged the present administration with waste, extravagance and vacillation. He declared it had not kept the country out of war, but that it had fought an ignominious war in Mexico and had withdrawn from that war ignominiously.

He charged the administration with having brought the country much nearer to participation in the European war than the country would have been had the party "stood for American rights."

The nominee assailed the administration also for its appointments to office, and declared that if elected he would appoint to office only men who were well qualified. Democratic expenditures for rivers and harbors also were attacked.

The nominee said he stood for a "businesslike, responsible budget" based on facts. He reiterated much of

his Detroit speech regarding the administration's Mexican policy.

As to the administration's foreign policy, Mr. Hughes said: "We have allowed our words to be eaten up by hesitation, by delay. We have somehow or other convinced the world that our talk is cheap."

Mr. Hughes spoke for nearly an hour. He entered a hall that was so jammed that even the steel cross-riders were utilized for seats. The audience cheered him for five minutes before he spoke.

The nominee left to-night for St. Paul.

LEADER OF PROGRESSIVES WILL WORK FOR WILSON

NEW YORK, August 8.—Acting Chairman Mathew Hale, of the Progressive National Committee, assailed Charles E. Hughes to-day, and practically declared for the re-election of President Wilson.

"Personally, I shall support the Progressive electors in States in which they will be on the ballot. Elsewhere I shall do all I can to help re-elect President Wilson. He has shown great sympathy for the Progressive movement."

HUGHES CHARGES FALSE AS TO FACTS. AND MISLEADING

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were freely sought from parties who knew the qualifications of Mr. Jones, and also from parties who knew the needs of the bureau, some of them of the highest standing in the scientific world. Since the appointment of Mr. Jones the wire-drag work on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and the Coast Survey and all other work of the bureau have been developed and prosecuted with marked vigor and success.

"As to your statement regarding the civil service, you are equally misinformed. During the year to which you refer the number of appointments made in the Coast and Geodetic Survey has been far short of 104. The actual number is fifty, of which thirty-eight appointments were made with the approval of the Civil Service Commission. The remaining twelve were for temporary positions, chiefly of laborers, at salaries of less than \$3 per day. None of them are under the civil service law as it stands now and as it stood for years.

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INTERESTED IN QUESTION OF MOVING COURTHOUSE

ASHLAND, Va., August 8.—The question of the removal of the county seat from Hanover to Ashland, which will be settled at the election to be held on next Tuesday, is the topic that is interesting the citizens of Hanover. Both those favoring the removal of the county seat and those opposed to it, are deluging the county with pamphlets and circulars.

Interest has been manifested in the claim of those favoring the removal that a surplus has been accruing in the county funds under the present tax levy, which claim was strenuously denied by the opposition. An examination of the records on file in the clerk's office was made this morning, and showed that in the past four years a surplus of \$9,740 had been accumulated under the county levy, and segregated to roads and schools, and to defray a part of the expense of erecting the Confederate monument.

The county levy under which this surplus accumulated has not been increased for about twenty years, and the ordinary expenses of putting lights in the courthouse and special repairs to the clerk's office. Neither does it include the salary paid the farm demonstrator.

Advocates of the removal of the county seat see in this surplus not only a testimonial of the efficient administration of Messrs. Shelton, Johnson and Luck, the present board of supervisors, but also a powerful argument in favor of the establishment of the county seat in Ashland. They confidently claim that the expense of such an establishment can be paid without any increase in the present county levy, and they are asking the question, why was no surplus accumulated up to four years ago, when county expenses were by no means so heavy as they have been recently?

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EFFECTIVE DATE DEFERRED

Amendment to Revenue Bill Relates to Proposed Tariff on Coal-Tar Dyestuffs.

WASHINGTON, August 8.—Democrats of the Senate Finance Committee agreed to an amendment to the revenue bill to-day, deferring the effective date of the proposed protective tariff on coal-tar dyestuffs until the close of the European war. War conditions are acting as a protection against imports now, the committee held, and will serve to encourage manufacture of dyestuffs as effectively as protective legislation.

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